

19 SEP 1958

Mr. Frank S. Barnes

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Dear Mr. Barnes:

During Mr. Dulles' absence I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 26 August discussing some of the problems which unofficial American citizens resident abroad have in making their information and views available to American Embassies and other official offices in the area.

This is primarily a matter affecting the Department of State, where I note a copy of your letter has been sent. However, I shall bring your letter to Mr. Dulles' attention upon his return.

Sincerely,

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August 26, 1958

Honorable Allan Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

I do not know how much the revolution in Iraq surprised you. However, the fact that there would be a revolution need not have come as a surprise to you or to the State Department. The unstable condition and the high probability of a revolution to overthrow the Nuri government was well known to a large percentage of the Americans working in Iraq.

While teaching at the College of Engineering in Baghdad, it occurred to me that there was no convenient or accepted way for me to convey to the United States Government any of the many interesting things which I was learning about Iraq. In talking with other members of the American community I found a similar feeling of frustration at the lack of a means of communication between us and the people in a position to affect the policy of the United States Government. These feelings existed partly because of the isolation of the Embassy staff from the rest of the Americans and partly because of the lack of any program formal or informal by the State Department to get information from Americans working directly with Iraqis but not connected with the Embassy.

With some four million Americans living overseas, the United States Government has a tremendous potential source of constructive information. To tap this source I recommend a program which might include the following:

1. The designation or assignment of someone in each Embassy group at a policy-making level to collect information from sources other than the local government.
2. A monthly or bi-monthly letter from this person to members of the American community indicating the interest of the United States Government in the opinions of its

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citizens about the country in which they are living and what they think about the effect of the current United States policy in that country.

A program of this type could have the advantages of giving the United States a source of constructive information. Additionally, it would give the American overseas communities a greater sense of participation in government affairs which directly affect their living conditions and safety.

Very truly yours,



Frank S. Barnes, Ph.D.  
Fulbright Professor, 1957-1958  
College of Engineering  
Baghdad, Iraq

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Copies to:

The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President  
The Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State

4 September 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : American Embassies Abroad Debriefing Local  
Resident American Citizens

REFERENCE : Letter dated 26 August 1958 to the Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency from Frank S. Barnes,  
with copies to the President and to the Secretary  
of State

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3. There is probably more than a little justice in Professor Barnes' complaint. However, since he is mainly critical of the Department of State, this Agency cannot properly reply to him in any detail, other than to acknowledge receipt of his letter.
4. It is recommended that the ADCI sign the letter to Professor Barnes, attached as Annex A.



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Acting Chief  
Division of Near East  
and Africa

## Attachments

1. Annex A
2. Letter to the DCI dated  
26 August 1958

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RECOMMEND SIGNATURE:

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2. Letter to the ALCI dated 26 August 1958

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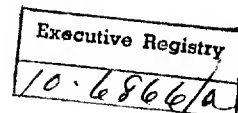
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15 SEP 1958

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Frank S. Barnes, Ph.D.



Dear Professor Barnes:

I have read with interest your letter of 26 August 1958 discussing some of the problems which unofficial American citizens resident abroad have in making their information and views available to American Embassies and other official offices in the area.

While this is primarily a matter affecting the Department of State, where I note a copy of your letter has gone, there is one aspect of the problem worth mentioning here. In many countries today, any organized effort on the part of American officials to debrief our unofficial residents would most likely be misinterpreted to a point where the livelihood and perhaps the safety of the unofficial residents would be compromised.

This is, however, only one part of the problem, and the suggestions contained in your letter will be given thoughtful consideration and appropriate action.

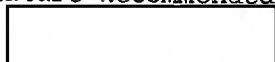
Thank you for bringing your views and suggestions to my attention.

Sincerely,

C. F. CABELL  
General, USAF  
Acting Director

cc: The President, The White House  
Secretary of State

Signature Recommended:



Acting Deputy Director (Plans)

15 SEP 1958

Date

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